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PART III: Diagnostic
Writing Prompt

There are many
American Writers in
this day of age, but
none of them won the

Nobel prize in literature since 1993, when Toni Morrison. There are many problems writers face when they write a piece of literature(poem, novel, short story, etc . . .) . Writers have to write with passion not lust. Writers also have to

**look within themselves
before writing as
William Faulkner
explained during his
Nobel peace prize
speech. Also writers
are having a problem
where there are less
people reading during
the modern era, as the
internet start to take**

**over. The Challenges of
being a professional
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Faulkner stated during his Nobel peace prize. As he also stated that they should not write of lust but write out of love, meaning he should write because he loves literature not for the gifts following it(money, etc . . .). “He writes not of love but of

**lust, of defeats in
which nobody loses
anything of value, of
victories without hope
and, worst of all,
without pity or
compassion.” source
A.**

Another challenge writers face is that they are literary narcissists. To be specific American writers face this, where they write from their own characterization, for example a white male writer won't try to write in a perspective of a

**black person, but will
write as a white guy.
Writers these days just
want to write their own
tradition and don't
explore others as said
in Americans Don't
Deserve Nobel in
Literature. "We've
become a nation of
literary narcissists.**

**Part of that comes out
of the
write-what-you-know
tradition” source D.**

**Another huge
challenge writers are
facing is that there are
becoming less readers
today, and internet**

started to take over the world, where TV, videos, etc are becoming popular. Majority of people are even stopping reading books at all as it says In “The Decline of the American Book Lover”. “The Pew Research Center reported last

week that nearly a quarter of American adults had not read a single book in the past year.” source B.

Although paperback books are declining in numbers, they are trying to get Americans back to read with Electronic Books or

Ebooks. Ebooks apps in modern tablets and phones such as the Kindle, iPad, and many others let you read any book from your device, and stores all the book there. In “Will e-books kill hardcover books?” it said that “studies show when people own

**books, they buy more”
source E.**

**Writers face many
more challenges in the
modern day world but
these are the major
ones they do face.
American Writers on
the other hand are**

really struggling as they haven't won the Nobel prize in literature since 1993! As said in source D the main problem of modern American writers is that they are literary narcissists. Less paperback books are being bought, but the

**ebook industry is
booming upwards!**